



Hampton Police Division Media Release

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FOOD LION ROBBERY

On March 14, 2005, at approximately 10:42 p. m. the Hampton Police Division received several calls indicating that a robbery was in progress at the Food Lion located at 3855 Kecoughtan Road. The callers advised that the suspect was armed and wearing a mask. As the officers arrived, they learned that the suspect had been shot by an armed security guard employed by the business. The suspect suffered a gunshot wound to the head. He was transported by Hampton Fire and Rescue to Riverside Regional Medical Center for treatment of his injury.

The preliminary investigation reveals that the suspect entered the business wearing a mask and displaying a handgun. He jumped over the counter, pointed the weapon at the cashier and demanded money. An armed security guard, standing near the customer service counter, observed the suspect's actions, identified himself as a security guard and demanded that the suspect surrender. When the suspect pointed the gun toward the guard, the guard fired one shot striking the suspect in the head. None of the customers or employees in the business at the time was injured.

The name of the suspect is being determined and the investigation continues. Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

Corporal James West will receive questions about this release at 757-881-4252.

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